

13. Page 2: Conclusions and Recommendations: Item number 3. Although a recommendation is made "that the public be made aware of the MSD and the additional hazards." Through our discussions with ACOE representatives it appears the Department of Defense has used the approach of smaller MSD's at other sites. Has the Department of Defense found an effective way to make the public aware of this increased risk. The Arsenal appears to be poised to use the same reduced MSD's. How is the Corps going to make the public aware of the use of the smaller MSD and the associated increase risk to them, including those areas adjacent to highway 680.

Response: For the work the Corps of Engineers is executing under the WUDS program, the method and procedures to inform the public are outlined Section 2.9 of Reference (g). The document is currently under review with DTSC and scheduled to be finalized January 01. In addition, and under the WUDS program, the USACE is developing a Community Ordinance and Explosive Safety Program, which will be presented to the Benicia City Council on 16 January 2001.

The planned method and procedures, augmented by risk communication techniques, have proven to be an effective way to communicate risk to the public.

It is anticipated, for the work executed under the Tourtelot project, the method and procedures to inform the public will be presented in an OE removal Work Plan(s) prepared as part of the RI/FS for the Tourtelot Clean Up Project. See reference (h).

14. Page 2: Conclusions and Recommendations: Item number 4. As discussed, the MSD will be part of the explosive safety submission to Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board (DDESB). The approval of the use of the procedure should be provide as soon as possible. This will make the OE Removal Work Plan, Community Safety Plan and Contingency Action Plan easier to review if the previously reviewed and approved procedures have been provided.

Response: A question or comment was not provided. If the reviewer intended to pose a question or comment please revise accordingly. The USACE supports your recommendation that the ESS is approved and made part of the OE Work Plan.

15. Page 2: Conclusions and Recommendations: Item number 5.